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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: NEW ECAC PROPOSAL FOR TRILATERAL TALKS

WE RECEIVED FEB. 20 FROM ECAC SECRETARIAT COPY OF
LETTER DATED FEB. 18 FROM ECAC PRESIDENT VERES TO CLARK
OF CANADIAN TRANSPORT COMMISSION, TEXT OF WHICH EMBASSY
WAS ASKED TRANSMIT DEPT. FOR STYLES (EB/AV). IN HIS
LETTER VERES PROPOSES MAY 19-21 AS NEW DATES FOR NEXT
ROUND OF TRILATERAL TALKS ON CHARTERS. TEXT FOLLOWS:
QUOTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 30 DECEMBER 1975, FROM
WHICH I NOTE THAT, WHILE YOU ARE AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPLE
TO PARTICIPATING IN A NAC/3 TRIPARTITE MEETING, YOU FEEL
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THAT YOU WOULD FIRST NEED SEVERAL MONTHS TO STUDY THE

DRAFT MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT BEING PREPARED BY ECAC AND THAT YOU WOULD THEREFORE NOT BE IN A POSITION TO MEET THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES AND OURSELVES AROUND MID-MARCH AS I HAD PROPOSED IF YOUR RECEIVED THE DRAFT TOWARDS THE END OF JANUARY.

IN CLARIFICATION OF OUR PROPOSAL, I SHOULD PERHAPS MENTION THAT THE MEETING WE HAVE IN MIND WOULD ESSENTIALLY BE A FIRST EXCHANGE OF VIEWS DURING WHICH ECAC COULD EXPLAIN THE IDEAS WHICH LAY BEHIND THE DRAFT IT HAD SUBMITTED. I FEEL THAT SUCH EXPLANATION WOULD BE A HELPFUL PRELUDE TO THE DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE DRAFT TO WHICH YOU REFER IN YOUR LETTER AND WHICH COULD NO DOUBT BE PURSUED IN THE MONTHS FOLLOWING THIS FIRST EXPLORATORY MEETING. I WONDER, THEREFORE, WHETHER TWO MONTHS WOULD NOT, AFTER ALL, BE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR YOU TO PREPARE FOR A MEETING OF THE KIND DESCRIBED.

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND ALTHOUGH ECAC NOW EXPECTS TO HAVE FINALIZED ITS DRAFT ONLY BY MID-MARCH, I HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR NAC/3 TO TAKE PLACE IN MAY OR JUNE AS YOU SUGGEST. AS, HOWEVER, ECAC IS HOLDING ITS NINTH TRIENNIAL SESSION IN THE LATTER MONTH, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE MEET IN THE FORMER MONTH AND PROPOSE 19-21 MAY AS SUITABLE DATES. I FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE WISE TO RESERVE THREE DAYS FOR THIS MEETING, TO PERMIT A FULL DISCUSSION.

I SHALL BE GLAD TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS ON THIS PROPOSAL, AS WELL AS ANY SUGGESTION ON A SUITABLE SITE. I AM COPYING THIS LETTER TO MR. STYLES, WHOM YOU ALSO MAY WISH TO INFORM OF YOUR REPLY. UNQUOTE
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